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# The Shakedown Of Refugees

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The House Immigration Subcommittee, headed by Rep. Michael Feighan, D-O., is officially lifting the lid on the sordid details of an astounding international refugee "shakedown" ring.

The subcommittee's previously unpublished closed-door hearings will name Henryk Jakober, a Hungarian with Rumanian citizenship, as the ringleader of this Communist traffic in human lives.

Three U.S. Immigration Service reports, delivered to the State Department's Office of Security and Consular Affairs but never acted upon by the office, pinpoint Jakober as the mysterious millionaire who runs this thriving global "blackmail" scheme.

The sworn testimony before Feighan's committee asserts that Jakober, operating from a swank apartment on Park Lane in London, directs "runners" throughout free Europe, Latin America and the U.S. to handle the \$200 million covert refugee business.

As first disclosed some weeks ago in this column, these "runners," including U.S. citizens, contact relatives of persons in Communist Rumania to arrange a "purchase price" for exit permits from behind the Iron Curtain.

The subcommittee's official transcript discloses the shocking details of cases where the freedom of refugees was bought by relative who deposited from \$3,000 to \$35,000 in numbered accounts in Swiss banks.

After the refugees were released, the accounts were allegedly turned over to Jakober, who apparently has been charging whatever the traffic will bear. One of the Swiss banks used by Jakober is believed to be controlled by the Russian government.

Besides being cloaked in mystery, 64-year-old Jakober also appears to be a man of great means and power, with high contacts in governments on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

While British Intelligence reports that he travels at will from London to points behind the Iron Curtain, U.S. Immigration Service records show that he entered the U.S. at least twice in 1962 while en route to other countries.

The big mystery is whom he visited or contacted in New York during a stopover August 26 - 28, 1962, before continuing to Peru to "attend to business" there. Significantly, Jakober went 1,200 miles out of his way to make the brief New York visit. Also, on his return he spent September 5 in New York, according to Immigration spot-ter.

Legislators probing Jakober's operations are amazed by the amount of information he has on the bank holdings of U.S. citizens whose relatives are behind the Iron Curtain. His figures are so accurate that the congressional probers believe he could only have obtained them from someone on the inside — either bank officials or law firms working with the ring, whose members include bank directors.

The international refugee "shakedown" was uncovered when a constituent of Representative Feighan had the courage to bring the details of an Ohio case to his attention.

Feighan, known as a courageous investigator by his House colleagues, immediately took the matter up with U.S. Immigration officials in both the U.S. and Europe.

While a "know-nothing" commentator, who has accepted the hospitality of Communist dictators Khrushchev and Tito, accused Representative Feighan of junketing in Europe, the hard-working, white-haired legislator had flown to Geneva and spent 16 hours a day interviewing refugees to uncover evidence on the traffic in humans.

He worked closely with U.S. Immigration authorities who later sent three reports through channels to Albin Schwartz, di-

and Consular Affairs, suggesting that the State Department look into this refugee "shakedown" racket.

The reports, dated February 11, June 10 and July 31 of this year, were not even acknowledged. There has never been a State Department reply.

When questioned by Congressional probers about the reports, Schwartz denied under oath that he had ever seen the documents or heard of Jakober. The Immigration Service furnished the subcommittee with copies of the three reports and also evidence that the documents had been delivered to the Office of Security and Consular Affairs.

The mysterious handling of these Immigration reports by the Security and Consular Affairs Office is as baffling as that division's denial of this column's disclosure that "the State Department is secretly engaged in one of the most astounding 'refugee relocation, operations on record.'"